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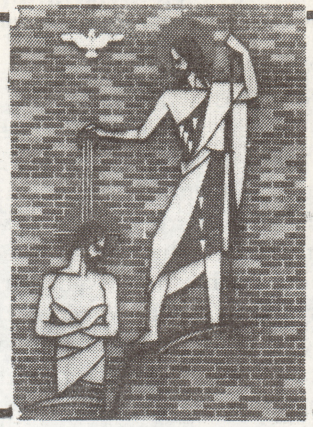


Just a Word...

by Fr. Harvey

The "why" and "wherefore" of wills will be discussed this coming Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. Mr. Frank Koval, Director of the Lansing Diocesan Office of Development, will moderate the evening's discussion. Panel participants will include Judge Rodney Hutchinson, Mr. Michael Schroer, both from this parish, and Mr. Paul Stein of Ann Arbor. I hope that many persons are able to avail themselves of the expertise and practical help which these men will provide on the important subject of Wills.

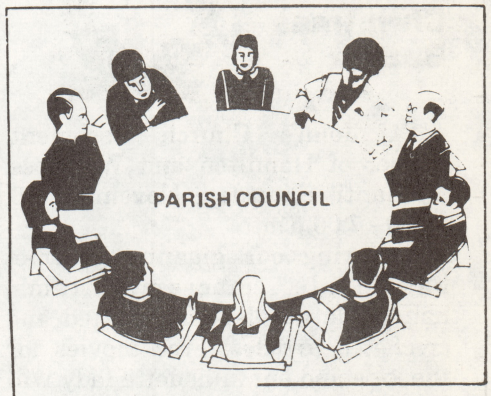
The fourth parent preparation class for this year's First Communicants will be held this Monday evening. The response to this year's program has been most gratifying. We ask your cooperation in bringing this program to successful conclusion during these next three weeks.

I know many of you are anxious to know the results of the opinion survey which was conducted almost a month ago regarding the feasibility and the desire for a Catholic Central High School in this area. At this writing, I have not yet seen the survey results myself. A meeting has been scheduled and will have been held at the time of reading. I can only assure you that the results will be published when it is possible to do so. We have experienced some delays in computerizing the results. I understand, however, that the preliminary report has been completed and will be discussed by the special Ad Hoc Committee established for this study. A report then will be made to the Bishop and the Diocesan Board of Education. I would just ask that for the time being we try to be as patient as possible.

Interchurch Red Cross Bloodbank

On November 8th there will be an Interchurch Red Cross Bloodbank held at the Baptist Church, 1110 W. Cross Street. It is our hope that there will be many there from St. John's to help us fill our quota of 160 pints for this year.

St. John's has long been a member of this group of donors ... let us remain a constant source of supply for those in need of this particular service. If you make your own arrangements to give blood ever at the Blood Bank in Ann Arbor, please also say you are from St. John's because our church will receive credit toward the total amount we are to give.



Anniversaries To Be Celebrated

We are looking for couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries in 1977. We begin asking so early because it has been the custom to give papal blessing to those celebrating and these need to be sent for early. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries this coming year please contact Eileen Tardiff at 482-1145 and give her your name and wedding date. We would like to hear from you or friends who know of your celebration at least by Nov. 21st. Please let us know by then so orders can be sent out immediately. You will be contacted later for further details about the celebration in the parish.

Special Notice

Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Monday, November 8, 1976
Meeting time this month only is set for 7:30 p.m.

Parish Library

The Administration Commission will have alloted time for a public discussion of the razing of Needham Hall.

This is an open invitation to all interested parishioners.

Bingo Games

St. John's Bingo Committee has devised a new set of games which began last month on our Third Anniversary evening. These games pay more and offer a variety of ways for winning. In order to really make money on Wednesday evenings we need at least 200 players. With a parish of 1,000 families, we should see more parishioners at the games to help us meet expenses. Bingo proceeds are put toward debt reduction. It is hard to work four hours on a Wednesday and make a few hundred dollars when so much more could be done. Have you ever considered attending your own Bingo games? Why don't you ask a friend to come with you at least once a month? Perhaps you might win after a few tries ... but at least you will be spending money that will eventually be returned to you in debt reduction. We really do need you to make our efforts worthwhile. Try coming once a month for awhile and help us raise the monies that are needed.

Country Christmas Bazaar

St. John's Church Basement, Corner of Hamilton and W. Cross, Ypsilanti, Saturday, November 20, 10:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Featuring our gigantic gourmet bake sale, macrame items, handmade needlepoint, knitted and crocheted articles. Free movies for the kids and our silhouette lady will be there with new ideas for silhouettes.

Christmas Bazaar Needs

Kiddies' Corner

Toys, stuffed animals, bean bags, doll clothes, perfume, jewelry for kids to buy as presents. Also Christmas wrapping paper for our present wrapping corner. Call Pat Martel at 483-8281.

We thank you, God, for caring for us so much as to lay down your life for us. We in turn care for others to show our love for you. Jesus said: "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters that you do for me."

At our 9:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgy our Communion Candidates share with us a liturgy on caring as they bring gifts of fruit and cards, made by them, to give to the shut-ins in our parish. They in turn will receive small crosses to help them realize how much Jesus cares for them.

As we begin the 2nd and final segment of our Communion Program, we ask the community to keep these children and their families in prayer.

Note: Session 4 of First Eucharist Program - Monday, November 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Parents and Children.

Our Apologies

Our usual crowd of 40 to 50 people attending pancake breakfasts boomeranged last Sunday into a hall full due to the time change. We are indeed sorry that we could not serve you all as quickly as you hoped because there was no way we could anticipate that large of a crowd. We hope that you were not discouraged if you were one of the ones who waited ... we tried to keep your coffee warmed so you would have something immediately, as any restaurant would have done. Hopefully you enjoyed the pancakes and had time to talk to your friends. We hope also that the family rate this time gave more large families a chance to eat out together. We try to take everyone into consideration. The proceeds from pancake breakfasts go to the St. Vincent de Paul group. The amount given this time came to $106.00.

Parish Nuptial

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Miklos

On Friday evening, October 29, 1976, James J. Miklos and Barbara E. Genthe solemnized their covenant of holy marriage before Fr. Harvey and their main attendants, Richard and Margaret Genthe of this parish.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miklos of Dearborn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Genthe of Grosse Ile.

Both the father and the brother of the bride served as lectors for the wedding liturgy. Mrs. Susan Pacesky, the groom's sister, offered the Prayer of the Faithful. Members of the Word of God community provided the liturgical music.

We extend congratulations to Jim and Barb and pray that the Lord may continue to give them joy and peace.

Will Workshop

Here at St. John's ... Tuesday, November 9th, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the parish in cooperation with the Diocesan Office of Development, Mr. Frank Koval, Director.

Panelists include Judge Rodney Hutchinson, Michael Schroer, attorney, Mr. Paul Stein, insurance executive.

Invite your friends to this informative evening.

Men - Women - Children

This Sunday, November 7th, from 12:30 until finished, there will be a

Recipe Workshop

held in St. John's Hall. We hope to cut and collate the recipe books for the Christmas Bazaar. We will stop at 3:00 for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a salad or dessert - casseroles will be provided. Bring your children as we will provide baby-sitting in the school with the older children watching the younger ones. There are plenty of toys, cribs, etc. for them to use.

Hope to see a good crowd for a sneak preview of the book.

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The hall is rented from 4:00 on so whatever is unfinished by then we will move to another place.

Area Performances

Celebrants Presents "Fiddler on the Roof"

Once again Celebrants, the liturgical theatre company of Holy Trinity Chapel, will stage the human experience of a man's great faith in God, in the prodigious musical "Fiddler on the Roof." The production runs November 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 at Holy Trinity Chapel on the corner of Perrin and Forest on the EMU campus. Show time is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Sears, Hudson's, and Grinnell's at the Briarwood Mall, Carty's Music in Ypsilanti, Richardson's Drug Store on Washtenaw Avenue in Ypsilanti, Logo's Bookstore in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, McKenny Student Union, and the office of Holy Trinity Chapel. Tickets are $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for students and children. For further information call 482-1400.

Lighthouse

The Lighthouse, a Christian performing company combining song, dance and drama to communicate the love of God, will present a public concert at 8 p.m. Friday, November 12 at Tappan Intermediate School on Stadium Blvd., just west of Washtenaw. The Lighthouse is an outreach of The Word of God, a local ecumenical Christian Community.

An excellent family or group activity, this evening of quality Christian entertainment is an event enjoyed by Christians and non-Christians from all over Washtenaw County. There are no ticket sales. Suggested donation is $2.00 - adults; $1.00 - children.

Natural Family Planning

These are direct excerpts from **Natural Family Planning** by Dr. Billings.

The natural method refers to any method which advises periodic abstinence on the fertile days. It is evident that if intercourse is avoided at and around the time of ovulation conception cannot occur. Apart from making allowance for possible survival of sperm cells, the successful application of the natural method depends upon one essential point, the time of ovulation. Ovulation is the escape of the ovum or eggcell from the ovary. Once the egg is released this is when pregnancy can occur. Fertility depends (in part) upon ovulation and the time of ovulation determines the disposition of fertile and infertile days of each menstrual cycle. Complete success in the use of the natural methods depends upon a technique which provides recognition of the approach of ovulation and of the occurrence of ovulation. The Ovulation Method does not require the administration of drugs; it does not require regularity of ovulation nor regularity of the menstrual cycle.

The Ovulation Method depends upon the fact that during the days when she is capable of conceiving, a woman always has a particular mucus secretion from the glands of the neck of the womb which she is able to recognize. The changes in the physical characteristics of the mucus - which are readily observable by the woman herself - not only warn her of the approach of ovulation but can inform her of the day of maximum fertility in the cycle at a time when she is able to use the information. Changes in the mucus demonstrate when the woman is past ovulation and enable her to predict the arrival of her next menstrual period accurately.

Every woman can be taught to interpret correctly her own mucus pattern. Only simple observations are required; there is no need for internal examination or the use of any instruments. In order to learn the Ovulation Method it is essential to keep a daily record. This method is completely natural and fulfills the following conditions: (1) It is based on sound scientific knowledge. (2) It enables all pregnancies to be planned. (3) It can assist many infertile couples to achieve pregnancy. (4) It is natural and therefore completely harmless. (5) It is morally acceptable. (6) It does not require regularity of the cycles. (7) It does not require pill-taking of any kind. (8) It can be successfully applied during long cycles and breast-feeding; and (9) it is completely trustworthy during menopause.

Planning Meeting
Thursday, November 11th
Center Library
8:00 p.m.
Follow-up meeting for
October Group
7:00 p.m. - Center Library
Baby-sitting Provided

Intercessory Prayer Group

Paul writes, "First of all, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for all..."

Please pray for:

The Parish Team

Heads of commissions at St. John's

The sick and needy

Shut-ins and aged

The unemployedf Those who have fallen away from God

Our country's new president

Those who lack faith

My God, your Word is Truth and I believe it. You are the Fountain of all Truth and Goodness. In you I put all faith and trust. Praise God.

David Rocha

Parish Council Minutes

Monday, October 11, 1976

Present: J. Gillman, D. Wheeler, O. Koch, C. Dyska, F. Greiner, C. Corkins, J. Thomas, D. Ouellette, Sr. Carol, N. Bowyer, C. Guidebeck, R. Sprague

Excused: Fr. Harvey, V. Smith

Participants: Sr. Phyllis Nutting, Mrs. Eileen Hageman

Guests: Jerry Wideman, Judy Buck

I - The meeting was called to order by Joan Gillman at 8:05 p.m. Sr. Phyllis led the opening prayer.

II - Cy Corkins moved the minutes be approved as corrected (addition of Fr. Burns and Dick Ouellette as being present at last meeting), seconded by Frank Greiner and approved.

III - Commission Reports

A - Administration: Dave Wheeler read the minutes of the last Administration Comm. Meeting which included Financial Report, Renovation, Organ Loft, Church Window Protection, Sale of School Property, Catholic Central High School, Time and Talent Survey, St. John's School Bus Fund, Leaks in Church Roof and the Public Meeting on Needham Hall. Included under Central High School was the following:

"There was much discussion about the recommendation of the commission regarding the possible conversion of St. Thomas to an area High School. A motion was made by Pat Walters that we recommend that St. John's subsidize Catholic Central High School students in the same amount that we subsidize St. John's children attending St. John's Religious Education Program. Pat later withdrew the motion. A motion made by Harold Gregg passed unanimously and is as follows:

'The Administration Commission of St. John's supports the concept of subsidizing the religious education of St. John's students attending a Catholic Central High School.'

It was further unanimously agreed that this recommendation would be made with the following note: 'St. John's budget as of 9/28/76 is in the red by $3,684. Did we not have a $500,000 debt our fundamental economic posture regarding this matter might be different.' "

B - Christian Education Commission - Carole Dyska read the minutes of the Comm. meeting. Included were: A Parish Marriage Enrichment might be offered; a parent encounter will be offered at Zion Lutheran Church beginning in January for 9 weeks at $10 per couple; a Natural Planning Session is offered November 18, 7:30 - 9:00 in Center Library; over fifty families are participating in the Communion Program with 54 candidates, the Solemn Communion is planned for May 8 at the 9 a.m. Mass; Ethel O'Connor has accepted appointment to the Comm. to represent the Senior Citizens' interests.

C - Christian Service Commission - Sr. Carol reported the Time and Talent Surveys are tabulated for the service areas and the Service Comm. is encouraged by the fact that more people have signed up in more areas. A General Meeting was held with heads of committees to discuss the make-up of the committees, budgets, meetings, etc. It was determined that small meetings would be held with each committee throughout these next months in order to apprise them of their duties.

D - Parish Activities Commission - Natalie Bowyer as facilitator has appointed two co-chairmen for this commission, Rita Sprague and Marilee Pilkington. The in-progress activities are the Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 20th; the Bicentennial Costume Party, Nov. 6th; and the New Year's Eve Dance. They realized a profit of $526 at Bingo on October 6th. Balance in Activities Fund as of 9/30/76, $1,186.29; Bingo Fund $2,529.00.

E - Worship Commission - John Thomas gave his report that the Time and Talent Surveys received a great response. However the Worship Comm. meeting was not well attended. There will be a meeting this Monday of Lectors and Commentators (this area needs more organization from the Time and TALENT Survey). Lay Distributors got a great response from Time and Talent; they will meet Monday evenings. The other areas such as Liturgy Planning, Ushers, Banners picked up many new members. Dave LaRocha addressed the meeting of the Intercessory Prayer Group.

IV - Old Business

A - Sr. Phyllis Nutting gave concern over the loss of two choir members bringing the total of adult members down to 10. She is in great need of tenors for the choir. The Children's Choir received a very poor response, only five children signed up. She will continue to try to organize a Children's Choir, however, if the response if not any better it will probably be discontinued.

B - It was moved by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Cathy Guidebeck that the Administration Comm. has allotted time at the regular Parish Council Meeting to be held Monday, Nov. 8th for the public discussion of the razing of Needham Hall. The meeting to begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp with an open invitation to all interested parishioners. The motion carried.

C - Sr. Carol suggested the notice of the meeting be published in the Catholic Weekly separately several weeks prior to the meeting. Frank Greiner put this to a motion, seconded by Cy Corkins, the motion carried.

D - Frank Greiner suggested all Comm. heads give a copy of their reports to the Council Secretary.

E - It was moved by Frank Greiner and seconded by Owen Koch that the Parish Council By-Laws be amended to show the Service Commission separated into two different commissions: 1) Christian Services Commission; 2) Parish Activities Commission. The motion carried. (The amendments will affect Article IV - Council Memberships, Section 2 and Article VIII - Commissions, Sections 1 and 5.) The Secretary will amend and redistribute revised copies to all

Council members.

F - Joan Gillman gave a short report on the Parish Council Meeting held in Ann Arbor on Sunday, October 2 at St. Thomas High School. Cy Corkins felt it was an inspiring meeting. Sr. Carol explained in more detail its purpose.

G - Dick Ouellette suggested all Council members subscribe to a monthly publication called "Today's Parish" at a cost of $5.00 per year per member. Frank Greiner suggested we expedite it by passing it from member to member. Dick Ouellette will check into the availability of the booklet and report on it at the next meeting.

H - Dick Ouellette and Carole Dyska stated the Parish Council members are to prepare a letter to the Bishop on the Council's recommendations of the Catholic Central High School Survey.

I - Cathy Guidebeck made a motion that we submit a letter similar to the Administration Commission's letter. It was seconded by John Thomas and carried. All Parish Council members are to submit their views of the Survey to Cathy Guidebeck by Friday, October 15th. Sr. Carol & Cathy Guidebeck will then draw up a rough draft of the letter and submit it for Council approval at the next meeting.

V - Owen Koch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m., seconded by John Thomas and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Guidebeck
Secretary

We Are Grateful

...to Mrs. Phyllis Ann Gracie who donated the beautiful altar covering and frontlet in memory of her father, the late Morgan C. Harris.

...to the Richard Wagner family who donated the altar flowers on the Feast of All Saints in memory of their daughter, Amy Marie, on the 16th anniversary of her entrance into eternal life.

Financial Barometer

October 31, 1976

Sunday Offering	$3,487.20
Missions (Add'l)	272.00
Hall Renovation	575.00
Holyday, Nov. 1st	1,025.40

Commentator/Lector/ Lay Distributor Schedule

Weekend of November 13 and 14

Mass	Lector	Commentator	Lay Distributor
5:00 p.m.	Maralee Meyer	Richard Wagner	Ruth Kummer
7:00 a.m.	Kathy Harrington	Phil Stokes	
9:00 a.m.	Ken Macek	Dennis Zielinski	Stephanie Thomas
11:00 a.m.	Norm Hallman	Ron Pinsoneault	Clem Budinger
12:30 p.m.	Jim Mooney	Frank Wawrzaszek	Ann McCarthy

Mass Schedule

Monday, November 8 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. George Williams, req. by Mrs. Clara Meyers & Family
2:30 p.m. Mary MacDonald, req. by Margaret Parker & Daughter Mae (at Parkview Nursing Home)

Tuesday, November 9 - Dedication of Lateran Basilica
7:00 a.m. Ronald Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Phenicief 9:00 a.m. Patrick J. Brown, req. by the Budinger Family

Wednesday, November 10 - St. Leo, the Great, pope-doctor
7:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Cavanaugh, req. by Edward D. Riley
9:00 a.m. John J. Sanocki, req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Sanocki

Thursday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, bishop
7:00 a.m. Michael Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Straub
9:00 a.m. Harold Lonskey, req. by Alice & Family

Friday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, bishop-martyr
7:00 a.m. Deceased members of Rettinger & Sesi Families, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sesi

Saturday, November 13 - St. Frances Cabrini, virgin
9:00 a.m. Lealand McCarberry, req. by Margaret Towler, Joe & Joanne Towler & Jean Allison
5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Burkheiser, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Matt Stein

Sunday, November 14
7:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
9:00 a.m. James Bush, req. by his Daughters Joyce and Carol Bush
11:00 a.m. Joseph Kozikowski, req. by his Daughter and Wife
12:30 p.m. Cosgrove, Stepnowski & Richards Family, req. by Mrs. Cosgrove

Want Ads

Marilyn Ray, 5643 Geddes Rd. is advertising for an elderly woman who normally is at home and might be interested in being on call of baby-sitting part-time as needed for two girls ages 6 and 10. Mother works and needs help when children are there and she is not. Details can be worked out with Marilyn at 482-5515 any evening.

Transportation can be provided.

Housekeeper Needed

The Pastor of St. Ursula's Parish is in need of a housekeeper for his rectory at least 1 day weekly. He is looking for someone perhaps who is a widow or retired and wants to do something periodically. Get in touch with Larry McBride at 434-0194 if you are interested.

Cigar Boxes Needed

(To be used as crayon boxes during religious education). We need as many as you have. Please drop them off on the desk right inside the religion center glass doors.

Right to Life Organizational Meeting

Thursday, November 11, 1976
8:00 p.m.
Geneva Smith Library
St. Francis Church
Stadium & St. Francis Drive

Wedding Banns

Jerome Gill & Catherine Brown

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On Sunday evening, November 14 at 10:30 p.m. Bishop Povish will be interviewed on WJIM-TV, Channel 6.

The interview, conducted by Howard Lancour, is a wide ranging conversation touching on the concerns of Catholics today.

Subjects discussed include: birth control, divorce, married clergy, the role of a bishop.

It should be an excellent opportunity for Catholics and others to gain insight into the teaching of the Church and the pastoral approach of Bishop Povish.

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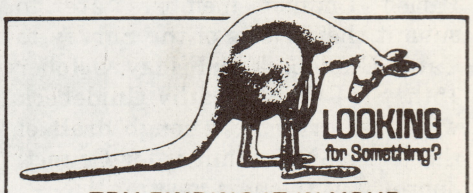

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